CHAPTER 10. ECONOMIC AND TRADE STATISTICS

COUNTRY DATA

Population: 62.8 million (2001 est.)

Population Growth Rate: 0.40% (2001 est.)

Religions: Buddhist (95%); Muslim (4%);

Christian, Hindu, Sikh, other (1%)

Government System: Constitutional Monarchy

Languages: Thai; English is the most widely

spoken second language; many Sino-

Thai also speak Chinese.

Work Week: Monday through Friday

DOMESTIC ECONOMY (US\$ billions)

	1999	2000	2001 (1Q)	2001 (2Q)	2001 (1H)
GDP at Current Price (\$bn)	122.0	122.0	29.5	27.5	57.0
GDP at 1998 Prices (\$bn)	75.6	74.3	17.8	16.2	34.0
Real GDP Growth Rate (in Baht terms)	4.2	4.4	1.8	1.9	1.9
Per Capita Income (\$)	1975	1955			1813*
Current Account Balance (\$bn)	12.5	9.4	1.4	1.0	2.4
Consumer Prices (% change)	0.3	1.6	1.4	2.6	2.0
Official Unemployment (%)	4.2	3.6	4.2	4.2**	4.2**
Foreign Exchange Reserves (\$bn)	34.8	32.7	32.3	31.6	31.6
Average Exchange Rate (Baht/\$)	37.84	40.16	43.22	45.39	44.30
Debt Service Ratio (%)	19.4	15.2	19.9	N/A	N/A

Source: Bank of Thailand, Ministry of Commerce and National Economic and Social

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Note: * annualized data based on the first half

** data as of May 2001

TRADE

(US\$ Billions)

	1999	2000	2001 (Q1)	2001 (Q2)	2001
Total Exports	56.8	67.9	16.0	15.6	31.7
Exports to U.S.	12.7	14.9	3.2	3.2	6.4
Total Imports	47.5	62.4	16.0	15.2	31.2
Imports from U.S.	6.4	7.3	2.1	1.6	3.7

Source: Bank of Thailand Note: 1999 FX = Bt. 37.85/USD; 2000 FX = Bt 41.16/USD; 2Q01FX = Bt 45.39/USD